

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
September 8, 2020 6:00 P.M.  
Municipal Building and Via WebEx  
90 N. West Street  
Spencer, IN 47460

**Board Members present:** Michael Spinks, Dean Bruce, and Jon Stantz.

**Also, Present** Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Drew Flamion and Richard Lorenz (via WEBEX), Street Supt. Tony Floyd, and Chief Foutch

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.  
The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS**

Sharron Barger asked the Board what needed to be done for the Town to assume the maintenance of the roads in the Lewis addition. She was advised they needed to be brought up to good condition first. Tony Floyd will rate the roads to let her know what needs to be done.

Next Mike Spinks discussed the beginning of a storm water project. The first thing that needs to happen is a rate study for both utilities. LWG is working on that now.

A discussion of setting up a COVID19 testing area in the downtown area took place. The Health Department would require three parking spaces, two days a week, to accomplish this.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to allow the use of the three spaces on Market at Washington. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Mike Spinks read a proclamation naming September 2020 as Big Brothers and Big Sisters Month.

Next, Pastor Garry Davey, with the Nazarene Church, asked for an update on the sewer extension at the junction 46/43. They would like to be part of the plan so they might be able to take it to their property next to the park.

Mike Spinks discussed the upgrades at the high school football field.

Maureen Haydon gave an update on the “ground breaking” for the I and I project on September 21 at 3:00 PM. (The Board should plan to be at the MyPath trailhead by 2:30 PM.) There will be 18 invitees.

Dean Bruce updated the Board on the OCRA grant program for the COVID19 Response Phase 2.

Mike Spinks and Richard Lorenz updated the Board on the status of the McCormick’s Creek Park sewer improvement project. Richard reported that the engineering is coming along fine, and the MOU between the Park and the Town will probably be complete by January 2021.

Jon Stantz said he had a request from the Owen County Tractor Association to park trucks at the park on September 26. The Board agreed to allow them.

**IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

No report.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Meeting will be September 16.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Foutch gave a department report. He checked into the cost to make the new radios operational, and has a quote of \$4,263.60. He plans to place the order after the first of the year.

Next, he asked for permission to order ammunition at a cost of \$1,828.62.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to allow Chief Foutch to place the order. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Jon Stantz reported a nuisance problem at the Bean property. He asked Chief Foutch to issue a ticket and require that the property be cleaned up.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

A meeting is scheduled for August 23 for Planning/Zoning

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Tony Floyd gave an update on the operations of the Street Dept. He has a salt quote for \$84.31/ton, for a maximum of 100 tons.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the quote from Detroit Salt Co. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Tony reported that Marce King has secured funding for five new trash receptacles.

Jon Stantz reported that he spoke to INDOT regarding the manholes. According to INDOT, the Town is still responsible for the repairs. It was agreed that Tony should fill in the two worse ones until an estimated cost to repair is made.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT**

Jon Stantz read the report from John Hodge.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT**

Nothing new to report.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY**

Jon Stantz reported on the Fire Territory operations.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPARTMENT**

Dean reported that they are still looking at ways to use the greenspace.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY**

Richard Lorenz asked the Board to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to attend the tax sale in the interest of the town to protect any properties that would be relevant. Also, authorize up to \$25,000 in any matter to protect the Town's interests.

**Dean made a motion authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer and the dollar amount. The motion was seconded and passed.**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

Dean Bruce asked about animal nuisances.

Cheryl reported that the Downtown District has been designated a historic district. In addition, in conjunction with that, she felt it would be the time to pursue the idea of an overhanging sign on Main Street, similar to Sunnyvale, CA. The Board agreed to allow her to pursue this.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Claims were presented for approval. A motion and a second to approve was made, and unanimously approved.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

/s/ Mike Spinks  
Mike Spinks, President

/s/ Dean Bruce  
Dean Bruce, Vice-President

/s/ Jon Stantz  
Jon Stantz, Member

Attest /s/ Cheryl Moke  
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer